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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6081

BILL NUMBER: HB 1256

NOTE PREPARED: Oct 16, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Diversity Commissions at State Universities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates a diversity commission at each state educational institution to: (1) review and approve employment policies concerning diversity; (2) hear faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity; and (3) make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members of state educational institutions. It requires each commission to submit a report to the Governor and Legislative Council annually.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would establish a 17-member diversity commission at Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, Ball State University, Ivy Tech Community College, University of Southern Indiana, and Vincennes University.

Each diversity commission is to consist of 8 legislators, 4 faculty members, 2 alumni members, 2 members who represent organizations that promote cultural diversity, and the Governor or the Governor's designee. The legislative members are nonvoting members. Assuming per diem and traveling expenses of about \$200 per member and 12 meetings per year, the annual cost would be about \$40,800 per year per commission, or \$285,600 for all seven commissions.

The Department of Education provides staff for the seven commissions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Education, Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, Ball State University, Ivy Tech Community College, University of Southern Indiana, and Vincennes University.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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